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In re Application of: Sajid Khan et al.  Application No. 09/846,556  Filed: April 30, 2001  For: DEBIT CARDS AND CREDIT  CARDS WITH WEEKLY LIMITS	) ) ) )	DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER M.P.E.P. §708.02(II): INFRINGEMENT
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This is a decision on the petition, filed August 15, 2001, under 37 C.F.R. §1.102(d) and M.P.E.P. §708.02(II): Infringement, to make the above-identified application special.

A grantable petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.102(d), and M.P.E.P. §708.02, Section II, must be accompanied by payment of the fee under 37 C.F.R.§1.117(h) and a statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.102 by the applicant or assignee or statements by an attorney/agent registered to practice before the Patent and Trademark Office that (A) there is an infringing device or product actually on the market or method in use; (B) a rigid comparison of the alleged infringing device, product, or method with the claims of the application has been made, and that, in his or her opinion, some of the claims are unquestionably infringed: and (C) he or she has made or caused to be made a careful and thorough search of the prior art or has a good knowledge of the prior art. Applicant must provide one copy of each of the references deemed most closely related to the subject matter encompassed by the claims.

Applicant's submission is deficient in that it fails to meet any of criteria (A)-(C) listed above and because no references have been submitted. A general concern that an invention may be copied does not meet the standard of actual infringement. Accordingly, the Petition is **DENIED**. The application file is being forwarded to Central Files to await examination in its proper turn based on its effective filing date.

Any request for reconsideration must be filed within two months of the mailing date of this decision.

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